**Wait-listed LPG connections**

3006. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise waiting list of LPG connections in Gujarat;

(b) the time by which the waiting list will be cleared;

(c) whether Government released one crore LPG connections during the year 2000; and

(d) the reasons for not clearing Gujarat waiting list during 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) During the year 2000, more than one crore new LPG connections were given. At present, LPG connections are released on demand by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in all the existing markets throughout the country including in the State of Gujarat. There is no pending waiting list with the distributors of Oil Marketing Companies.

**NELP policy on sharing of profits**

3007. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has given the consent to NELP policy and asked for sharing of profit; and

(b) if so, the Central Government's views thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Government of Gujarat while giving consent to the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) has requested for sharing of 50% of the profit petroleum accruing to the Central Government and this request is under consideration of the Government of India.